Projects sanctioned by CAPART in Bihar

1813. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) is working for rural development;

(b) the number of projects sanctioned by CAPART in Bihar during the last three years; and

(c) what is the progress of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) CAPART has sanctioned 48 projects in Bihar State during the last three years.

(c) Out of these 48 projects, one project has been completed, 2 projects have been terminated and in one case, the funds are yet to be released. The remaining 44 projects are at various stages of implementation.

Dwelling units under IAY

1814. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) is being implemented to provide dwelling units to people living below poverty line in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the dwelling units provided in different States and Union Territories so far;

(c) the rates at which these dwelling units are provided and how the amount is recovered from people living below poverty line; and

(d) how it is ensured that these dwelling units are not sold out or transferred to others?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under Indira Awaas Yojna (IAY), 163.26 lakh houses have been constructed/ upgraded since inception. A Statement showing State-wise physical achievement is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) Under the scheme, an amount of Rs.25,000/- per unit for plain areas and Rs.27,500/- per unit for hilly/difficult areas is provided to rural Below Poverty Line (BPL) households. An amount of Rs.12,500/- for upgradation of unserviceable house in both the areas is provided to rural BPL families. The quantum of financial assistance is provided as grant-in-aid, hence question of recovery does not arise.

(d) As per IAY guidelines, the beneficiary is expected to construct the house himself or herself to ensure that dwelling units are not sold out or transferred to others.